16th December 1954]

Extension of the Madras Buildings (Lease and Rent Control) Act, 1949, to certain areas in North Malabar.

* 387 *Q.*—SRI K. MADHAVAN NAMBIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state whether the Government have received any representation requesting to extend the provisions of the Madras Buildings (Lease and Rent Control) Act, 1949, to Iritty, Mattanur and Peravoor areas of Kottayam taluk in North Malabar?

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" The answer is in the affirmative."

SRI K. MADHAVAN NAMBIAR :—" The rent in this particular area is exorbitant and is perhaps the maximum prevailing in the State. In view of this, will the Government consider the matter urgently? "

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" The Government have considered the whole question and have not come to any particular decision. The life of the Act expires by 30th September 1955. After the policy of the Government as to whether the life of the Act should be extended thereafter is decided, we have to consider the matter."

Periyaram Sanatorium, Malabar.

* 388 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN (on behalf of Sri V. R. Krishna Ayyar) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state the amount, if any, given by way of recurring grant by Government during the current year for the Periyaram Sanatorium, Malabar district?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" No recurring grant has so far been paid by Government during the current year for the Periyaram Sanatorium, Malabar district."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" May I know from the Hon. Minister whether the Government will be prepared to take over such of the institutions, for running which donations are not coming forth at present? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Where such request is made, it will be considered."

DR. K. B. MENON :—" May I know the number of patients who have applied for admission and the number of those who are on the waiting list? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" I cannot give that information just at present, Sir."